

May 16, 2002

Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: **EX PARTE**
ET Docket No. 95-18; IB Docket 01-185; ET 00-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 15, 2002, on behalf of ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd., Larry Williams, Mark Grannis of Harris, Wiltshire, and Grannis, and the undersigned met with Bryan Tramont, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy. During the meeting ICO highlighted the critical role of MSS in delivery of broadband services, particularly in rural and unserved areas, and stressed that MSS would be rendered infeasible if independent terrestrial providers are allowed to operate in MSS spectrum. ICO also emphasized the need for expeditious action in deciding whether to permit MSS licensees to extend their use of the spectrum to ancillary terrestrial operations, so that ICO can proceed apace with system upgrades.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am submitting an electronic copy of this letter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Suzanne Hutchings
Suzanne Hutchings
ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd.

cc: Bryan Tramont